Notice of Public Hearing Town of Amherst 2011 CDBG funds

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has designated the Town of Amherst a Mini-Entitlement Community for the purpose of receiving 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Amherst is eligible to receive a maximum of \$1,000,000 in block grant funds for housing and community development and social service activities benefiting low-and moderate-income citizens. In accordance with DHCD regulations the Community Development Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lower Meeting Room of the Bangs Community Center to receive input and requests for activities to be included in the Town's 2011 Mini-Entitlement CDBG application. Any comments regarding current CDBG activities are welcome.

The priority for Non-Social Service funding to be included in the Town's 2011 application is:

To further the goals of sustainable development and meet the goals of the community's Master Plan, with an emphasis on development and revitalization of the Town Center and village centers.

The priorities for Social Services activities to be included in the 2011 application are:

- 1. Homelessness and sheltering
- 2. Education: outreach and advocacy
- 3. Mental health services
- 4. Emergency & preventive services: emergency rental assistance, emergency fuel assistance, emergency food and emergency shelter services that can include case management and coordination

Any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity. Reasonable accommodations will be attempted upon written request to the Selectmen's office two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Services Department (community@amherstma.gov) or for more information or call (413) 259-3117.

The Town of Amherst encourages the involvement of minority business enterprises and women's business enterprises.